



ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR DETERMINING RAFFLE WINNERS GAME INSTRUCTIONS

(Playing Card Progressive Raffle)

BACKGROUND

General Rule 101(1)(f) defines a raffle as: “. . . an event for which raffle tickets are sold and at which a winner or winners are determined either by randomly selecting stubs from all the raffle tickets sold for an event or by an alternative method that is approved in writing by the bureau, and at which a preannounced prize is awarded.”

Raffle Rule 508(1) states: “An alternative method of determining a winner may be used with the prior written approval of the bureau.”

GAME CONCEPT

A playing card progressive raffle, commonly referred to as Jack of Spades, Queen of Hearts, etc., requires multiple drawing dates (typically 52 or 54) and utilizes a standard deck of playing cards with a “jackpot prize card” that is used to determine the raffle winner. The jackpot prize is based on a percentage of raffle ticket sales and will continue to accumulate over the licensed drawing dates until a winner selects the “jackpot prize card.”

A raffle licensee is approved to conduct a playing card progressive raffle, provided: (1) the licensee agrees to follow the requirements outlined in these game instructions, and (2) the licensee ensures compliance with the Bingo Act and Charitable Gaming rules.

DEFINITIONS

1. “Bureau” means the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery, Charitable Gaming Division.
2. “Chairperson” means a person listed on the raffle license application responsible for the conduct of the raffle in accordance with the act, rules, and directives of the bureau, who has been a bona fide member of the licensed qualified organization for at least six months.
3. “Consolation prize” means any prize awarded to a playing card progressive raffle ticket purchaser other than the progressive jackpot prize.
4. “Jackpot prize card” means the playing card that must be selected to win the progressive jackpot prize.
5. “Progressive jackpot prize” means the percentage of raffle sales awarded to the winning raffle ticket purchaser selecting the jackpot prize card after consolation prizes are deducted.
6. “Raffle management” means raffle sales oversight, prize payment, and game records completion (see 11).
7. “Raffle sales” means playing card progressive raffle ticket sales, plus the value of raffle tickets or stubs not returned.

8. "Reset card" means a playing card determined by the licensee that, if selected, will cause a playing card progressive raffle to restart. A maximum of two reset cards are allowed.

GAME CONDUCT

9. A standard deck of playing cards shall be used (jokers may be included).
 - a. Playing cards shall be verified to ensure all cards are present.
 - b. Each playing card shall be placed in an envelope and sealed.
 - c. Playing cards shall not be visible through the envelope.
 - d. Envelopes shall be thoroughly shuffled.
 - e. Envelopes shall be consecutively numbered beginning with the number one (1).
 - f. Two or more chairpersons shall sign their names across the seal of each envelope as a method for detecting tampering.
 - g. Envelopes shall be placed in a locked display.
 - h. Each task shall be performed in public and witnessed by at least two chairpersons.
10. All potential chairpersons shall be identified on the raffle license application. Any change (additions or deletions) in chairpersons shall be submitted in writing to the bureau prior to the change.
11. Only chairpersons may perform the following raffle management duties:
 - a. Distribute raffle tickets to raffle ticket sellers, collect unsold tickets, and collect ticket revenue from raffle ticket sellers.
 - b. Deposit raffle ticket revenue into the licensed organization's financial account within two business days following a drawing.
 - c. Pay or distribute prizes.
 - d. Complete the Progressive Raffle Accountability form.
 - e. Perform the tasks in 9a through 9h.
 - f. Be a display keyholder.
12. The licensee may designate up to two reset cards which shall be identified in the house rules.
 - a. A winning ticket purchaser who selects a reset card shall not receive the progressive jackpot prize but may receive a consolation prize.
 - b. Once a reset card is selected it shall not be returned to the raffle.
 - c. A reset card shall not be valid on the last licensed drawing date.
13. A standard raffle ticket drawing shall be conducted in public on each licensed drawing date. The winning raffle ticket purchaser shall select an envelope from the display cabinet.
 - a. The winning ticket purchaser need not be present to win, except when conducted as an in-house raffle (see 18).
 - b. If the winning ticket purchaser's selected envelope contains the jackpot prize card:
 - i. The person whose name appears on the winning ticket stub shall receive the progressive jackpot prize.

- ii. The chairperson shall pay the person whose name appears on the winning ticket stub by check.
 - iii. The licensee shall destroy all stubs from previously sold playing card progressive raffle tickets, except the winning ticket stub(s).
 - iv. A new playing card progressive raffle may begin on the next drawing date for that license in accordance with 9a through 9h.
 - c. If the winning ticket purchaser's selected envelope contains a reset card:
 - i. The licensee shall destroy all stubs from previously sold playing card progressive raffle tickets, except the winning ticket stub(s).
 - ii. The progressive jackpot prize shall be carried forward to the next drawing.
 - iii. A new playing card progressive raffle shall begin on the next drawing date for that license in accordance with 9a through 9h, excluding the reset card that was selected.
 - d. If the winning ticket purchaser's selected envelope does not contain the jackpot prize card or a reset card:
 - i. The selected card shall be placed face up in the display.
 - ii. The licensee shall destroy all stubs from previously sold playing card progressive raffle tickets, except the winning ticket stub(s).
 - iii. The progressive jackpot prize shall be carried forward to the next drawing.
14. When the last licensed drawing date for the raffle occurs, tickets shall be drawn and envelopes selected until the jackpot prize card is revealed and the progressive jackpot prize is awarded.
15. Raffle expenses (e.g., ticket printing costs, raffle equipment, etc.) shall be reasonable and shall be paid from the licensee's share of raffle sales.
16. A bureau representative may require that the chairperson open all remaining envelopes at any time. If the envelopes are opened, the remaining playing cards shall immediately be placed back in the raffle in accordance with 9a through 9h.

RAFFLE TICKET REQUIREMENTS

17. Raffle tickets shall include the following information:
 - a. The name of the licensee.
 - b. The license number.
 - c. The word "raffle."
 - d. Drawing dates, including any exceptions (e.g., "Drawings every Thursday, 1/5/23 – 1/11/24, excluding 11/23/23").
 - e. Drawing time.
 - f. Drawing location.
 - g. The price of the raffle ticket.
 - h. The progressive jackpot prize (e.g., "70% of raffle sales minus any consolation prizes paid").
 - i. A unique sequential identification number.

- j. A ticket stub containing:
 - i. A space for the purchaser's name, address, and phone number.
 - ii. The unique sequential identification number corresponding to the identification number on the body of the raffle ticket.
18. If raffle tickets are sold only at the location on the licensed drawing dates and during the licensed hours, theater-style roll tickets may be sold without the raffle ticket requirements listed in 17 (see In-house raffles, Raffle Rule 511). **NOTE:** A ticket purchaser must be present to win when conducted as an in-house raffle.

RESTRICTIONS

19. Playing card progressive raffle tickets may only be sold at a uniform price with no discounting for multiple ticket purchases.
20. The progressive jackpot prize shall not exceed 70% of raffle sales. **NOTE:** The starting jackpot may not be seeded.
21. A chairperson shall not purchase playing card progressive raffle tickets.
22. A for-profit location owner or lessor, a shareholder of a privately held corporate owned or leased for-profit location, partner, officer, agent, or employee of a for-profit location owner or lessor, or a person residing in the same household as a for-profit location owner or lessor, shareholder of a privately held corporate owned or leased for-profit location, partner, officer, agent or employee of a for-profit location owner or lessor shall not do any of the following:
 - a. Participate in the raffle management at the location in which he or she owns, leases, represents, or works.
 - b. Be an officer of a qualified organization conducting a licensed gaming event at the location in which he or she owns, leases, represents, or works.
 - c. Purchase or receive playing card progressive raffle tickets as a gift or share in a prize for the playing card progressive raffle being conducted at the location in which he or she owns, leases, represents, or works.
 - d. Receive any form of compensation from the licensed qualified organization.

NOTE: Prohibition 22 does not apply to a playing card progressive raffle conducted by a qualified organization (or related qualified organization) at its non-profit location owned and operated for the regular use of its members or rented or leased on a continual basis for the regular use of its members (e.g., Moose Lodge, Eagles Club, Elks Lodge, etc.).
23. A supplier, shareholder of a privately held corporate supplier, partner, officer, agent, or employee of a supplier, or a person residing in the same household as a supplier, shareholder of a privately held corporate supplier, partner, officer, agent, or employee of a supplier shall not do any of the following:
 - a. Participate in the raffle management at the location for which the supplier is providing equipment or services.
 - b. Be an officer of a qualified organization conducting a licensed gaming event for which the supplier is providing equipment or services.

- c. Purchase or receive playing card progressive raffle tickets as a gift or share in a prize for the playing card progressive raffle being conducted under the raffle license for which the supplier is providing equipment or services.
- d. Receive any form of compensation from the licensed qualified organization other than a reasonable price for the purchase or rental of raffle equipment (e.g., raffle drum, tickets, display cabinet, etc.) established prior to the raffle and in no way affected by raffle sales.

HOUSE RULES

24. House rules shall be in accordance with Raffle Rule 510 and shall contain the following information:
 - a. Jackpot prize card.
 - b. Reset card(s), if any.
 - c. Percentage of raffle sales awarded to the winner (not to exceed 70%) less consolation prizes.
 - d. The number of envelopes to be drawn on each drawing date.
 - e. Playing cards associated with any other consolation prizes.
 - f. Amount or description of any other consolation prizes.
 - g. Whether consolation prizes will be paid on the last licensed drawing date.
 - h. Playing card progressive raffle ticket price.
 - i. How an envelope will be selected if the winning ticket purchaser is not present (e.g., a drawing will be conducted from the numbers available). **NOTE:** A ticket purchaser must be present to win when conducted as an in-house raffle (see 18).
 - j. The contingency plan for inclement weather or other extenuating circumstances if the raffle cannot be conducted as planned.
 - k. All other information essential to a participant's understanding of how the playing card progressive raffle will be conducted (e.g., whether jokers are included in the playing card deck).
25. House rules shall be retained with the game records.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

26. The licensee shall complete the Progressive Raffle Accountability form electronically, unless approved otherwise in writing by the bureau.
 - a. A separate form shall be completed for each drawing date.
 - b. The form shall be printed and retained with the game records immediately following the conclusion of each raffle drawing.
 - c. The raffle proceeds deposited shall coincide with the time period stated on the form.
 - d. The corresponding deposit slip shall be attached to the form.
 - e. The winning raffle ticket stub(s) for the drawing shall be attached to the form.
27. The licensee shall complete the Raffle Financial Statement after the last licensed drawing date.